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OFFICIAL MORTALITY RATES IN RUSSIAN ZONE OF GERMANY
(monthly figures calculated on basis of per thousand
of population per annum)

	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950
January		26.0	16.4	17.2	12.1
February		27.7	16.9	22.8	13.8
March		23.7	19.3	17.6	13.1
April		18.1	17.1	14.2	12.6
May		17.2	15.1	12.5	12.2
June		15.8	13.8	11.6	
July	17.5	14.7	13.3	10.8	
August	16.6	14.7	12.2	10.2	
September	17.0	16.0	12.8	9.6	
October	18.8	17.1	13.6	10.2	
November	21.1	18.8	14.3	12.0	
December	24.9	17.9	16.1	11.2	

The birth rate did not exceed the death rate until August 1949, but it has done so ever since. The birth rate for May 1950 (quoted from memory) was 17.5.

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